

12. (Twice Amended) A system for ablating tissue within a body comprising  
a guide element for introduction into a body,  
at least one energy transmitting electrode defining an [a region of] energy  
transmitting region [material] on the guide element, and  
control means responsive to a prescribed input command for  
electronically coupling the region to a source of tissue ablating energy and for  
selectively electronically altering the energy transmitting characteristics of the region to  
block transmission from portion of the region while allowing transmission from another  
portion of the region.

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16. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 12  
wherein the guide element is elongated along an axis,  
wherein the [region] at least one electrode comprises an array of energy  
transmitting [areas] electrodes spaced apart along the axis of the guide element.

*C2*  
17. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 12  
wherein [each area] the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of  
bands [band] of energy transmitting material wrapped about the axis of the guide  
element.

*C3*  
18. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 12  
wherein the [areas comprise] at least one electrode comprises energy  
transmitting material helically wrapped about and along the axis the guide [body]  
element.

*C3*  
19. (Amended) A system according to claim 12  
wherein the [region] at least one electrode comprises metallic material  
attached to the guide element.

C4  
20. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 12  
wherein the [region] at least one electrode comprises a coating of energy  
transmitting material on the guide [body] element.

Please add claims 28-32 as follows.

S5  
28. A system for ablating tissue within a body, comprising:  
a guide element for introduction into a body;  
a plurality of electrodes on the guide element; and  
a controller operably connected to the plurality of electrodes and to a  
source of tissue ablating energy, the controller being adapted to receive predetermined  
input commands and to electrically connect the plurality of electrodes to the source of  
tissue ablating energy, the controller including switching means for selectively  
disconnecting at least one of the electrodes from the source of tissue ablating energy in  
response to a first predetermined input command.

C5  
29. A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the plurality of electrodes  
comprises a plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes.

S6  
30. A system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the at least one disconnected  
electrode is located within the plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes such that a  
plurality of contiguous electrodes are electrically connected to the source of tissue  
ablating energy.

31. A system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the at least one disconnected  
electrode is located within the plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes such that two  
electrodes are electrically connected to the source of tissue ablating energy and the at  
least one disconnected electrode is between the two connected electrodes.